



Fontana Unified School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Second Grade Students:

Beginning in February 2009 and continuing through May 2009, the Fontana Unified School District Gifted and Talented Education Office will be screening **all second grade students** to determine eligibility for the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) program. Second grade students will be administered a general ability test known as the **Naglieri Ability Test**.

The **Naglieri Ability Test** is a non-reading test of cognitive processing skills or how a child learns. It consists of multiple-choice answers that become progressively more difficult. As with all standardized ability tests, the **Naglieri** assesses general mental ability, which is primarily correlated with success in school.

Only the parents of students meeting established district criteria for G.A.T.E. qualification will be notified by mail and will receive a student **Permission to Participate Form**. With parent permission (parent-signed form returned to the G.A.T.E. office), these students will receive differentiated instruction within the school day. Students may be clustered with other G.A.T.E. students into one class to receive these services, or may be included in flexible groups within the day. Please note, only a very small percentage of students (3-4%) meet the criteria for identification as “gifted”.

If you do NOT wish your child to take part in this assessment, please indicate so below. Sign and return the lower portion of this notice to your child’s teacher prior to testing.

If you would like further information, please contact your school’s GATE site monitor.

Complete and sign the form below ONLY if you do NOT wish your child to be assessed.

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NON-PARTICIPATION NOTICE
(Return to you child’s teacher prior to testing)

____**No, I do not** wish my child to be assessed with the **Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test** during second grade testing from February 2009 - May 2009.

CHILD’S NAME _____ SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Sincerely,

Eva Fritsch

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